

# Claims

- [c1] A paint touchup jar comprising
  - (A) a cylindrical container having a base, vertical sides, and a threaded rim;
  - (B) a threaded lid that can be screwed onto said threaded rim; and
  - (C) a cylindrical sponge attached to the inside of said threaded lid.
- [c2] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container and said lid are made of transparent plastic.
- [c3] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein another lid that is identical to said threaded lid is attached back-to-back to said threaded lid.
- [c4] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein the diameter of said sponge exceeds the inside of the diameter of said rim by about 1/8 to about 5/8 inches.
- [c5] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 including an amount of a water-based paint within said container.
- [c6] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 including an

amount of an oil-based paint within said container.

- [c7] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container is about 2 to about 4 inches in diameter and about 1½ to about 3 inches deep.
- [c8] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container holds about 2 to about 4 ounces of paint.
- [c9] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical sponge is about 1 to about 2½ inches in length.
- [c10] A method of storing a small quantity of paint for touching up a painted surface comprising
  - (A) placing a quantity of the paint used to paint said painted surface inside a paint touchup jar according to Claim 1; and
  - (B) screwing said threaded lid onto the threaded rim of said container.
- [c11] A paint touchup jar containing paint stored therein according to the method of Claim 10.
- [c12] A method of touching up a damaged painted surface with a paint touchup jar according to Claim 11 comprising

- (A) contacting paint within said container with said sponge;
- (B) unscrewing said lid and removing said sponge from said container;
- (C) applying paint on said sponge to said damaged painted surface; and
- (D) screwing said lid back onto said container.

[c13] A paint touchup jar comprising

- (A) a cylindrical container having a base, vertical sides, and a threaded rim;
- (B) paint within said cylindrical container;
- (C) a single threaded lid that can be screwed onto said threaded rim; and
- (D) a cylindrical sponge attached to the inside of said threaded lid, where the diameter of said sponge is about 1/8 to about 5/8 inches greater than the diameter of the inside of said lid.

[c14] A method of touching up a damaged painted surface with a paint touchup jar according to Claim 13 comprising

- (A) contacting paint within said container with said sponge;
- (B) unscrewing said lid and removing said sponge from said container;
- (C) applying paint on said sponge to said damaged

painted surface; and

(D) screwing said lid back onto said container.

[c15] A paint touchup jar comprising

(A) a cylindrical container having a base, vertical sides, and a threaded rim;

(B) paint within said cylindrical container;

(C) a first threaded lid screwed onto said threaded rim;

(D) a second threaded lid that can be screwed onto said threaded rim, where said first threaded lid is attached to back-to-back to said second threaded lid; and

(E) a cylindrical sponge attached to the inside of said second threaded lid, where the diameter of said sponge is about 1/8 to about 5/8 inches greater than the diameter of the inside of said lid.

[c16] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said cylindrical container and said lid are made of transparent plastic.

[c17] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said cylindrical container is about 2 to about 4 inches in diameter and about 1½ to about 3 inches deep.

[c18] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said

sponge is about 1 to about 2½ inches in length.

[c19] A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said paint is a latex paint.

[c20] A method of touching up a damaged painted surface with a paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 comprising

(A) unscrewing said first lid;

(B) contacting paint within said container with said sponge;

(C) applying paint on said sponge to said damaged painted surface; and

inserting said sponge into said container and screwing on said second lid or cleaning said sponge and screwing on said first lid.